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SUBJECT: State Department Authorization Legislation, H.R. 12598

I discussed with Ms. Tracey Cole, OMB, at her initiative the possibility that the Administration would "threaten" a veto of H.R. 12598 if section 108 of the Senate bill remained in the legislation. Section 108 was proposed as an unprinted floor amendment by Senator McGovern and would have the effect of invalidating the "Third Agency Rule" insofar as the jurisdiction of the foreign affairs committees is concerned. I told Ms. Cole it was our position that section 108 certainly would warrant consideration of a veto, but that we believe section 119 of the bill--amendments to the "Role of the Ambassador Legislation"--rose to the same level of importance and should be considered in the same context as section 108. Ms. Cole said she was just putting some ideas down on paper for Mr. Randy Jayne and would make note of the fact that the DCI felt as strongly about section 119 as section 108.

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